



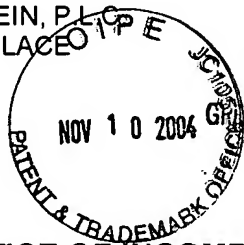
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The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office has received your reply on 09/15/2004 to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed 06/15/2004 and it has been entered into the nonprovisional application. The reply, however, does not include the following items required in the Notice.

The period of reply remains as set forth in the Notice. You may, however, obtain EXTENSIONS OF TIME under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136 (a) accompanied by the appropriate fee (37 CFR 1.17(a)).

A complete reply must be timely filed to prevent ABANDONMENT of the above-identified application. Replies should be mailed to: Mail Stop Missing Parts, Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria VA 22313-1450.

The applicant needs to satisfy supplemental fees problems indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Additional claim fees of \$300 as a non-small entity, including any required multiple dependent claim fee, are required. Applicant must submit the additional claim fees or cancel the additional claims for which fees are due.

SUMMARY OF FEES DUE:

Total additional fee(s) required for this application is \$300 for a Large Entity

- Total additional claim fee(s) for this application is \$300
 - \$300 for multiple dependent claim surcharge.

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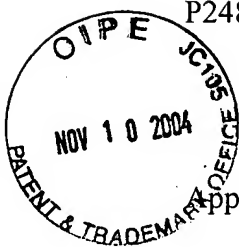
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Sir:

In response to the Notice to Incomplete Reply (copy attached) of November 4, 2004, the period for response to the Notice to File Missing Part being set to expire August 15, 2004, and being extended by one month to September 15, 2004, by the filing of an Extension of time.

As discussed with the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office on November 5, 2004, Applicants respectfully submit that the Notice of Incomplete Reply has been issued in error in connection with the requirement for payment of the multiple dependent claim fee of \$300.00. Applicants note that a Preliminary Amendment was filed on September 15, 2004 removing multiply dependent claims and fees associated therewith. Therefore, a multiple dependent claim fee of \$300.00 is not required. During the telephone conversation, the undersigned was advised that the Preliminary Amendment, removing multiple dependent claims, was present in the file. Moreover, the undersigned was advised that even if multiple dependent claims were present, authorization to charge Deposit Account No.

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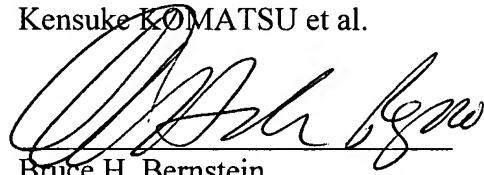
19-0089 was included in the Cover Letter, and the Deposit Account should have been charged without a Notice of Incomplete Reply being forwarded.

This is also to confirm that the undersigned was advised that the Notice of Incomplete Reply would be withdrawn.

Should any fees be necessary to maintain the pendency of the above-referenced application, the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fees necessary to Deposit Account No. 19-0089.

Should the Examiner have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the undersigned at the below listed number.

Respectfully submitted,
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